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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries.

1. On 31 March 1996, at 1030 hours, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers crossed the border and penetrated about 10 kilometres into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the area of Jarahieh and Showeib in Dasht-e Azadegan at the geographical coordinates of 38R QV 710-920 on the map of Saidieh, and took three residents named Mohammad Bou-Ezar, son of Sejeb, Rasoul Bou-Ezar, son of Sheikh Jafel, and Mohsen Bou-Ezar, son of Zeboun, to the other side of the border.

2. On 1 April 1996, about 20 Iraqi forces were observed removing earth by using a loader and five trucks near the geographical coordinates of 38R QA 88100-21000 on the map of Chazzabeh, between north-west of border pillar 15 and south of border pillar 16 and the geographical coordinates of 38R QA 68000-14000 on the map of Saidieh, in no man's land.

3. On 2 April 1996, between 0830 and 1700 hours, an Iraqi loader, a roller and seven trucks were observed removing earth at the geographical coordinates of 38R QA 69000-14000 on the map of Saidieh, in no man's land.

4. On 4 April 1996, two Iraqi loaders were observed removing earth at the geographical coordinates of 38R QA 52000-26000 on the map of Khosravi-Abad, north of Nahr-e Khalfan and south of Iraqi Nahr-e Ma'amir.

5. On 4 April 1996, between 0830 and 1700 hours, Iraqi forces were observed conducting engineering activities by using a loader, a roller and four trucks near the geographical coordinates of 38R QA 69000-14000 on the map of Saidieh.

6. On 6 April 1996, at 0800 hours, a number of Iraqi forces were observed constructing an observation post near the geographical coordinates of 39R TQ 165-310 on the map of Istagah-e Hosseinieh or Kharman, west of border pillar 11, in no man's land.

7. On 8 April 1996, at 0930 hours, Iraqi forces were observed installing an 82 millimetre mortar near the geographical coordinates of 39R TP 150-870 on the map of Nim-Istgah-Navad, west of border pillar 7/10, in no man's land.

8. On 13 April 1996, from 0700 hours to 0700 hours on 14 April 1996, a total of 198 Iraqi motor boats, carrying 575 personnel and being supported by two logistic ferries, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

9. On 14 April 1996, two Iraqi vehicles - a Toyota and a Patrol - carrying seven passengers clad in green outfits and armed with Klashnikov and Grinov automatic machine-guns were observed at the geographical coordinates of 38S PB 104-726 on the map of Mehran, north of Kanjancham river and south of Zalou-Ab mountain and border pillar 33. They were moving from Iraq's Mohammad-Ghassem sentry post towards Doraji sentry post opposite Reza-Abad border post.

10. On 16 April 1996, at 0300 hours, a number of Iraqi forces were ambushed by Iranian forces at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND 500-260 on the map of Ghasr-Shirin. After 10 minutes of conflict, they fled into the territory of Iraq under the cover of night.

11. On 23 April 1996, four group tents, each with a masted flag of red, blue, black and yellow, were set up at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 383-998 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillars 51 and 52. About 50 Iraqi forces were observed in bunkers, in the heights and inside the tents, being trained to occupy positions.

12. On 28 April 1996, at 1900 hours, 10 Iraqi forces installed an anti-aircraft cannon near the geographical coordinates of 38S ND 356-032 on the map of Khosravi, near Khaneghein silo.

13. On 29 April 1996, Iraqi forces began setting up 20 group tents near the geographical coordinates of 38R QV 550-580 on the map of west Jofair, section 2, south of border pillar 14/A6 and north of border pillar 14/A5, in no man's land.

14. On 5 May 1996, 37 Iraqi motor boats, with a total of 110 personnel, which were supported by three ferries, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud, harassing Iranian fishermen.

15. On 6 May 1996, at 1800 hours, an Iraqi trailer carrying a loader entered Eastern Shahabieh sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 38S PB 350-430 on the map of Kouh-Tunnel, in no man's land, south of border pillar 51/10, and left the area for the military township at the geographical coordinates of 38S PB 350-380 on the map of Kouh-Tunnel in Iraq's Ghaleh village after disembarking the loader.

16. On 6 May 1996, 26 motor boats, with a total of 100 personnel, which were supported by four tugboats, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud, harassing Iranian fishermen.

17. On 7 and 8 May 1996, 82 Iraqi motor boats, with a total of 250 personnel, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

18. On 8 May 1996, crossing the border and penetrating into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a number of anti-revolutionary elements entered Baveh village at the geographical coordinates of 38S NF 350-030 on the map of Sardasht and planted three anti-vehicle mines which were defused by the Iranian border police.

19. On 9 May 1996, Iraqi forces began constructing an observation post on top and on the right side of the Al-Hossein sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND 405-138 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, south of Darband-Jough and border pillar 56/1 and south of border pillar 57.

20. On 9 May 1996, an Iraqi motor boat whose personnel were armed with Klashnikov weapons was observed patrolling between Minu Island and the confluence of the Karoun river and Arvand Rud, harassing Iranian fishermen.

21. On 11 May 1996, at 1000 hours, 22 Iraqi motor boats, each carrying two to four personnel, were observed patrolling near the geographical coordinates of 39R TP 273-063 on the map of Khorramshahr, in no man's land opposite the confluence of the Karoun river and Arvand Rud.

22. On 11 May 1996, at 1430 hours, 30 Iraqi motor boats, each carrying four personnel and one masted flag, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud, coming from the side of Khorramshahr towards Abadan and the mouth of the Arvand Rud, and harassing Iranian fishermen.

23. On 11 May 1996, 87 Iraqi motor boats, with a total of 235 personnel, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud, harassing Iranian fishermen.

24. On 12 May 1996, five Iraqi soldiers began installing a Dush-k automatic machine-gun on top of a newly constructed post at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND 405-138 on the map of Khosravi between north and south of border pillars 56/1 and 57 in no man's land.

25. On 14 May 1996, six Iraqi soldiers were observed setting up barbed wire at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 470-544 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, north-west of border pillar 44/7.

26. On 14 May 1996, 50 Iraqi forces were observed being trained to occupy positions near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 383-998 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillars 51 and 52, south of height 254.

27. On 19 May 1996, at 1550 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed removing earth near the geographical coordinates of 39R TP 530-260 on the map of Khosro-Abad, north of Nahr-e Ma'amir, opposite Iran's Nahr-e Seyyed-Shahab, in no man's land.

28. On 20 May 1996, Iraqi forces stationed at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 572-396 on the map of Sumar, Kouma-Sang mountain, in no man's land, west of border pillar 40/5, fired a rifle grenade towards the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 583-387 on the map of Sumar, Kouma-Sang mountain, in no man's land, south of border pillar 40/5.

29. On 20 May 1996, at 2230 hours, Iraqi forces stationed near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 459-993 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillars 51 and 52, in no man's land, north of Chizrad sentry post, fired several bullets with light weapons and also an illuminating bullet towards the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 497-988 on the map of Kharatha, between north and south-west of border pillars 48 and 49, Iran's Tankab border post in the area of Zeinal-Ghods. Two bullets hit the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 536-975 on the map of Kharatha, south-east of border pillar 48.

30. On 21 May 1996, from 0745 to 1110 hours, 100 Iraqi forces were observed being trained near the geographical coordinates of 38S NC 3883-9980 on the map of Khosravi, north of Ab-Halavan.

31. On 22 and 23 May 1996, 98 Iraqi motor boats, with a total of 240 personnel, supported by two tugboats, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud, harassing Iranian fishermen.

32. On 31 May 1996, 143 Iraqi motor boats, carrying a total of 250 personnel, supported by four launches, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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